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WEST VIRGINIA CROP ACREAGE FOR 2005

WEST VIRGINIA -- Winter wheat planted in West Virginia for 2005 is estimated at 7,000 acres, down 13 percent, or 1,000 acres from 2004. The projected harvest for grain is 5,000 acres, unchanged from 2004.

Corn planted is estimated at 46,000 acres, down 4 percent, or 2,000 acres from last year. Growers expect to harvest 31,000 acres for grain, up 7 percent, or 2,000 acres from last year.

Soybean planted acreage is estimated at 19,000, unchanged from 2004. Harvested acreage is projected at 18,000, also the same as 2004.

Tobacco area for harvest is expected to total 500 acres, down 62 percent, or 800 acres from the year 2004.

All hay harvested is forecast at 575,000 acres, the same as last year. Other hay harvested is expected to be 540,000 acres, up 2 percent, or 10,000 acres from last year's harvest. Alfalfa hay harvested is expected to total 35,000 acres, down 22 percent, or 10,000 acres from last year.

These estimates were based on results from the June 1, 2005, Agricultural Survey.

UNITED STATES WITH 2004 COMPARISONS

- Corn planted for all purposes – 81.6 million acres, up 1 percent from 2004 and 4 percent from 2003.
 - Biotechnology varieties as a percent of corn planted:
 - Bt - 26% of 2005 crop, 27% of 2004 crop;
 - Herbicide Resistant - 17% of 2005 crop, 14% of 2004 crop;
 - Stacked Gene - 9% of 2005 crop, 6% of 2004 crop;
 - All Biotech varieties - 52% of 2005 crop, 47% of 2004 crop.
- Corn harvested for grain – 74.4 million acres, up 1 percent.
- Winter wheat planted – 41.4 million acres, down 4 percent.
- Winter wheat harvested for grain - 34.3 million acres, down 1 percent.
- Oats planted - 4.34 million acres, up 6 percent.
- Oats harvested for grain - 1.98 million acres, up 10 percent.
- All tobacco harvested - 316,860 acres, down 22 percent, lowest on record if realized.
- Burley tobacco harvested - 107,600 acres, down 30 percent.
- All hay for harvest - 61.7 million acres, down fractionally.
- Alfalfa hay for harvest - 22.1 million acres, up 2 percent.
- Other hay for harvest - 39.6 million acres, down 2 percent.
- Soybeans planted – 73.3 million acres, down 3 percent.
 - Biotechnology varieties as a percent of all soybeans planted:
 - Herbicide Resistant only - 87% of 2005 crop, 85% of 2004 crop
 - All Biotech varieties - 87% of 2005 crop, 85% of 2004.
- Soybeans for harvest – 72.4 million acres, down 2 percent.

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